



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

*Chair: Goronwy Price
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SKYPE SESSION

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 11:00 AM

1. OPENING

An Executive Committee meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador English School Board was held by Skype on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM.

Members present: Goronwy Price, Chair
Thomas Kendell
Bruce Cluney
Winston Carter

Regrets: Lester Simmons
John Smith

Also in attendance: Mr. Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education
Ms. Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Executive meeting and thanked them all for taking the time to attend.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Winston Carter/Bruce Cluney) Carried

MOTION: The Executive Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the agenda.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Deferred to next meeting

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 No business arising.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Purchase of Buses

Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education- Finance and Administration provided the following briefing:

The District had encountered a significant rust issue with its 2006 vintage buses that required repair. Such repair was required due to the risk that the buses would not pass inspections to allow further use to get to their 12 year useful life. Said repairs were estimated to cost an average of approx. \$25K per bus and take up to 5 weeks per bus. The Department did provide \$1.7M to commence repair of the buses.

The District did commence the repair program, however, given the remaining life after repair would be a maximum of 1 to 2 years it has become more economical and a greater return on investment to pay the remaining debt on these buses and purchase new.

There is a total of 15 buses required to be ordered at a total cost estimated to be \$1,579,590.00.

The District still has \$1.25M remaining of the original \$1.7M provided for repairs to be used to pay off the old debt of approx. \$40K on these buses and to offset the purchase of the replacements.

Prior to the motion the Executive asked some questions about why we would not repair instead of purchase new and Terry Hall explained that the buses are almost at end of life with about 12 -18 months remaining, the cost to repair could run \$25,000- \$40,000 per bus. The logical choice was to invest in new.

There was a question about

MOTION: that the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board approve the Districts request to pay off the old debt and purchase fifteen (15) replacement buses immediately pending Ministerial approval. (Tom Kendell/Bruce Cluney) Carried

6. Adjournment to Closed

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:10 AM by motion from Winston Carter.